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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC RELATIONS: TEXT OF AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S
OCTOBER 10 STATEMENT TO COUNCIL

1. THERE FOLLOWS FULL TEXT OF AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S STATEMENT
TO THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 10.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL
NATO DECLARATION

A) WE HAVE APPRECIATED THE CONTRIBUTION BY A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS AND BY SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALLIED DRAFT DECLARATION. THESE EFFORTS HAVE AIDED GREATLY IN FORMULATING OUR OWN VIEWS ON THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE DECLARATION FOR ADOPTION BY THE ALLIES. WE AGREE WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOW TURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PREPARING A SINGLE WORKING DRAFT.

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B. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THE MOST RECENT DRAFT OF A NATO DECLARATION TABLED BY FRANCE A NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROCESS OF REACHING ALLIED AGREEMENT ON A TEXT. WE HAVE APPRECIATED ALSO THE EXPLANATION OF FRENCH VIEWS PROVIDED IN

AMBASSADOR DE ROSE'S STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 3.

C. BASED UPON OUR STUDY OF THE FRENCH TEXT AND AMBASSADOR DE ROSE'S COMMENTS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH TEXT PROVIDES A HELPFUL BASIS FOR FURTHER EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A COMMON TEXT.

D. EXCELLENT IN ITS STRESS ON LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES, THE FRENCH DRAFT STATES WELL, IN OUR VIEW, THE INDIVISIBILITY OF ALLIED SECURITY, AND EFFECTIVELY UNDERLINES THAT SECURITY IS THE INDISPENSABLE PREREQUISITE FOR DETENTE. IT POSTULATES FELICITOUSLY THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE STRATEGIC BALANCE, AND ADDRESSES THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT BALANCE. AS THE FRENCH DRAFT SUGGESTS, WE ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO THE REAFFIRMATION OF UNITED STATES RESPONSIBILITY TO EMPLOY ITS FULL SPECTRUM OF FORCES, IF NECESSARY, TO DEFEND ITS ALLIES. WE WELCOME, TOO, THE STATEMENT IN THE FRENCH TEXT OF THE NEED TO MAINTAIN FORCES IN EUROPE ADEQUATE FOR DETERRENCE. LIKE THE TEXT PROPOSED BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, IT USEFULLY INCORPORATES A STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES INTENTION TO MAINTAIN ITS FORCES IN EUROPE.

E. WE ALSO WELCOME THE REFERENCE TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR IN THE TERMS ENVISAGED IN THE FRENCH TEXT. REGARDING THE REFERENCE IN THAT TEXT TO UNITED KINGDOM AND FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCES, TO WHICH AMBASSADOR DE ROSE ALSO REFERRED, WE WOULD FAVOR A STATEMENT ON THE ADDITIONAL DETERRENT ROLE OF THE NUCLEAR FORCES OF FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

F. IN CERTAIN AREAS, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THE FRENCH TEXT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. WE WOULD WISH TO SEE THE TEXT RECOGNIZE THAT THE CHALLENGES OF THIS DECADE CALL FOR A NEW SPIRIT OF CREATIVITY TO STRENGTHEN ALLIED PARTENSHIP.

G. REGARDING DEFENSE MATTERS, WE NEED TO STATE MORE PRECISELY, WE BELIEVE, THE INTENTIONS OF THE ALLIES NOT ONLY TO MAINTAIN BUT ALSO TO IMPROVE THEIR FORCES.

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H. REFERENCE, WE BELIEVE, ALSO SHOULD BE MADE TO THE DESIRABILITY OF MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES FOR DEFENSE, INVOLVING ECONOMICS OF SCALE AND ADHERENCE TO AGREED STANDARDS FOR FORCES, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO ADEQUATE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.

I. BURDENSARING IS ANOTHER AREA TO WHICH WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE, AND WHICH SHOULD, IN LIGHT PARTICULARLY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE IN THE U.S., BE ADDRESSED IN THE TEXT. WE WOULD WISH TO WORK TOWARD THE CONCEPT THAT NO COUNTRY SHOULD SUFFER ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGES AS A RESULT OF DEPLOYING ITS FORCES OUTSIDE OF ITS NATIONAL TERRITORY.

J. WITH REGARD TO EAST-WEST MATTERS, WHILE CSCE IS MENTIONED

SPECIFICALLY, THERE IS NO REFERENCE IN THE FRENCH TEXT TO OTHER EAST-WEST DISCUSSIONS NOW UNDER WAY. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE FRENCH POSITION ON MBFR, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE ALLIES NOT TO NOTE IN THE DECLARATION THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

K. CONCERNING ALLIED CONSULTATIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE TO REAFFIRM ALLIED INTENTIONS TO CONSULT ON MATTERS IN THE SPHERE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS, AS REFLECTED IN THE HARMEL REPORT.

L. IN SUMMARY, WE PROPOSE THAT THE COUNCIL AGREE TO PROCEED WITH THE DRAFTING OF A COMMON TEXT, USING THE FRENCH DRAFT AS THE POINT OF DEPARTURE.

M. WITH RESPECT TO THE WORK PROGRAM THIS IS SOMETHING WE WILL NEED TO DISCUSS. WE WOULD NOT ENVISAGE AN INTERNATIONAL STAFF COMPOSITE DRAFT, BUT RATHER A DRAFT PREPARED BY DELEGATION REPRESENTATIVES, MAKING INDIVIDUAL OR JOINT CONTRIBUTIONS TO A DRAFT TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND REVIEWED BY THE COUNCIL.

N. IF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL CAN AGREE TO USE THE FRENCH TEXT AS THE POINT OF DEPARTURE, THEN I BELIEVE THAT THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR THE NAC COULD BEGIN TO DEVELOP A COMMON DRAFT. I AM PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE WITH A GREATER DEGREE OF SPECIFICITY. IF THE COUNCIL CAN AGREE TODAY TO USE THE FRENCH TEXT AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A COMMON TEXT, THE WORK COULD BEGIN THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK. END TEXT.

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